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Filed: March 1, 2002  
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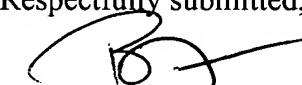
Examiner: John S. Maples  
Art Unit: 1745

Dear Sir:  
Transmitted herewith is a **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT** in the above-identified application.

**ENCLOSURE(S):**

[X] Response to Restriction Requirement dated November 3, 2004 -- 2 pages  
[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0625.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2004 in the above-identified U.S. patent application. Restriction has been required between claims 47-85 (Group I) or claims 86-92 (Group II).

Applicants hereby elect the invention of **Group I** (claims 47-85).

The examiner has further required an election of species, as set forth in greater detail in the October 5, 2004 Office Action. In response, Applicants elect the species of

**Embodiment I**, wherein the carrier is a carrier mesh. Applicants further elect

**Embodiment 1** within Group I, i.e., wherein the function layer is a reaction layer.

Claims 47 to 50, 56 to 58, 63 to 80, 82 and 85 are believed to read on the elected subject matter.

Examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. It is understood that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

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